THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) The information is as under :

Sl. No.	Name of Organisation	Steps taken to fill up the post
1.	2.	3.
1.	Bombay Port Trust	Proposal is under process.
2.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust. . .	Do.
3.	Madras Port Trust.	Do.
4.	New Mangalore Port Trust. . .	Government approval for regular appointment to the post has been received, but the same is pending due to the Court case filed by Deputy Chairman, New Mangalore Port Trust.
5.	National Highway Authority of India. .	The future of National Highway Authority of India is under consideration. As yet there is no proposal to fill up the post for the present.

Flouting of Pollution norms by State Transport Authority

1559. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Transport Authority is flouting the norms laid down in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1989 in regard to control of pollution caused by diesel vehicles; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken against the said Authority for violation of the rules ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Involvement of Private Sector in the Expansion of Ports

1560. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to involve private sector in the expansion plant of different ports; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals drawn in this regard and response of the private sector thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major Port Trusts are advertising and have received offers about the facilities where private participation is required. The private sector has shown interest in development and operation of berths, container terminals and dry dock facilities.

Permits to NRI's for Plying Deluxe Buses in Delhi

1561. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to issue permits or licences to NRI's to ply deluxe buses along inner and outer ring road in Delhi, with a view to meet the commuter's requirements and essing out of over crowding in buses on these and other linked roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of deluxe buses to be so permitted and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT